

lines thrown to them, by means of which, after the storm calmed somewhat, they would force themselves on board and regain command. We must congratulate the House of Commons and the Dominion of Canada upon the energy displayed in dealing with the Pacific scandal matter. Our country is young and growing. We have always prided ourselves upon our political purity, especially in comparison with our Republican neighbours. The recent developments gave a sharp shock to our political and moral nerves, and with energy we set about applying the needed remedy.

The moral effect of this Railway scandal will be detrimental to Canada in the money markets of the world. The tendency of capital is to flow from old to new countries where higher rates of interest and larger profits prevail. Once let the impression go abroad among foreign capitalists, that Canadian statesmen are venal and corrupt, public confidence is destroyed, and capital driven from the country. This would prove disastrous to our national development, as we want foreign capital to build our railways, enlarge and extend our canals, and open up our noble country. We do not look upon Mr. Mackenzie's accession to power as a mere party triumph. It is Canada's triumph; and the motto of every loyal Canadian should be "Canada First, party afterwards."

When public men are more wedded to party than to country, patriotism is sacrificed at the shrine of selfishness; and jobbery in its meanest forms supplants honest dealing. Canadian politics should be conducted on a higher plane. Bitter personal feeling should be eliminated, and public men should feel that they are only separated on account of differences of opinion, honestly entertained, as to the conduct of public affairs. This course would elevate Canadian statesmanship, give confidence among foreign capitalists in the purity and stability of our institutions, and implant in the people's affections a regard for their country's welfare stronger than party ties and keep them ever on the alert to detect and punish venality and corruption.